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**TO:** Members of the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

**FROM:** Angélica Infante-Green, Commissioner *A. Infante*

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Necessity of School Construction: Narragansett

The Council on Elementary and Secondary Education has as one of its responsibilities reviewing and certifying the need for school construction projects to be reimbursed through the school housing aid program and the School Building Authority (SBA) Capital Fund. Most large projects are supported by bonds and are comprehensive projects with major renovation and/or new construction components. With the passage of the Statewide School Construction Bond in November 2018, voters activated six new temporary bonus incentives and access to \$250M in upfront funding to support the state share of foundation school housing aid.

At this meeting, the Council is being asked to approve a Necessity of School Construction application. A chart summarizing Narragansett School System's projects is provided in Attachment 1.

**RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approve the necessity of school construction projects totaling \$8,311,372 pursuant to R.I.G.L. §16-7-41.1 as follows (please note that when the applicable reimbursement share ratios are applied to the estimated total project costs noted below, the state share is expected to be \$2,908,980, which includes \$436,347 in pay-as-you-go funding):**

**Narragansett:**

a. Districtwide Repairs:

i.	Narragansett Elementary School	\$	2,055,955
ii.	Narragansett Pier Middle School	\$	1,023,937
iii.	Narragansett High School	\$	5,231,480

## SUMMARY: FY 2021 NECESSITY OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

NARRAGANSETT SCHOOL DISTRICT	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	JUSTIFICATION	FY 2021 AID SHARE RATIO*	ESTIMATED PROJECT COST**	STATE SHARE	STATE SHARE W/ INTEREST
<b>Districtwide Repairs</b>	This project will address repairs at the Narragansett Elementary School, Narragansett Pier Middle School, and an addition and renovations at the Narragansett High School. The proposed repairs include health and safety repairs, as well as program improvements.	This project is part of a masterplan that includes health, safety, and security improvements, including building envelope repairs, HVAC repairs, fire safety improvements, security projects, site repairs, electrical upgrades, educational program improvements, ADA compliance, hazardous materials abatement, and other building system improvements that affect student and staff health and safety.	Base Rate  35%	\$8,311,372	\$2,908,980	\$2,908,980
			Maximum Rate  52.5%***	\$8,311,372	\$4,363,470	\$4,363,470

\* State share ratio is based on FY2021 calculation, pursuant to RIGL 16-7-41(b).

\*\* Only bonds financed through RIHEBC are eligible for reimbursement on interest.

\*\*\* District may be eligible for a maximum of 17.5% additional reimbursement, pursuant to RIGL 16-7-40.